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SUBJECT: CISL MINORITY TO HOLD MAJOR MEETING

- 1. THE CISL MINORITY, LED BY VITO SCALIA, PLANS TO HOLD A MAJOR MEETING IN ROME FEBRUARY 13-15. SOME 400 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED.
- 2. SOME CISL MINORITY SOURCES, SUCH AS REMO LASTREGO IN GENOA, ARE PREDICTING THAT THE MEETING WILL LAY THE GROUND-WORK FOR SECESSION FROM CISL, AND MAY TURN INTO A CONSTITUTING ASSEMBLY FOR A NEW LABOR CONFEDERATION. HOWEVER, PAOLO SARTORI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL'S AGRICLTURAL WORKERS AND A KEY MINORITY FIGURE, HAS RECENTLY TOLD US THAT HE INTENDS TO PERSERE IN HIS LINE OF OPPOSING TRENDS REPRESENTED BY CISL CHIEF BRUNO STORTI, BUT TO REMAIN WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.
- 3. THE PRIMARY OF SARTORI'S POSITION IS BORNE OUT BY THE MAJOR THEME OF THE FEB 13-15 MEETING: "THE ROLE OF THE MINORITY WITHIN CISL." THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC DAILY CONFIDENTIAL

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IL POPOLO DRAWS THE SAME CONCLUSION.

4. SARTORI ALSO TELLS US HE IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH UIL
CHIEF RAFFAELE VANNI, AND THAT THE TWO ARE OF ONE MIND ON
QUESTIONS INVOLVING LABOR UNITY. BOTH ARE SEEKING TO
MAXIMIZE THEIR LEVERAGE WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS
IN ORDER TO HEAD OFF ANY PRECIPITATE MOVES TOWARD ORGANIC
MERGER OF THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS. NEITHER SEES ANY
ADVANTAGE, AT LEAST AT PRESENT, IN SEEKING TO FORM A NEW
CONFEDERATION AND LEAVING THE CISL AND UIL TO THE MOST FERVENT
ADVOCATES OF LABOR UNITY. VOLPE

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